

Interview Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	09/771,708	BALASUBRAMANIAN ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
	BJ Forman	1634	

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

- (1) BJ Forman. (3) Sarah Fashena.
 (2) David Jackson. (4) ____.

Date of Interview: 07 November 2003.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
 c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☐ No.
 If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: all.

Identification of prior art discussed: _____.


Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☒ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Applicant's submitted via FAX proposed claim amendments for discussion in view of the cited prior art. The examiner reviewed the amendments prior to the discussion and noted that the amendments overcome the cited art. The examiner further stated that further search and consideration would be required to determine if the amendments are free of other prior art. Applicants stated that they will submit a formal amendment shortly.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN ONE MONTH FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE, OR THE MAILING DATE OF THIS INTERVIEW SUMMARY FORM, WHICHEVER IS LATER, TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached sheet.

Examiner Note: You must sign this form unless it is an Attachment to a signed Office action.



 Examiner's signature, if required

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 (2) David Jackson.

Status of Application: _____

 (3) Sarah Fashena.

(4) _____.

Date of Interview: 5 February 2004
Time: _____

Type of Interview:

- ☒ Telephonic
☐ Video Conference
☐ Personal (Copy given to: ☐ Applicant ☐ Applicant's representative)

 Exhibit Shown or Demonstrated: ☐ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, provide a brief description:

Part I.

Rejection(s) discussed:

Claims discussed:

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Prior art documents discussed:

Part II.

SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW DESCRIBING THE GENERAL NATURE OF WHAT WAS DISCUSSED:

See Continuation Sheet

Part III.


- ☒ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview directly resulted in the allowance of the application. The examiner will provide a written summary of the substance of the interview in the Notice of Allowability.
☐ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview did not result in resolution of all issues. A brief summary by the examiner appears in Part II above.


 (Examiner/SPE Signature)

(Applicant/Applicant's Representative Signature – if appropriate)

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was discussed:

The examiner contacted Applicant because amendments discussed in the previous Interview contain functional language which do not define or limit the structure of the array. The examiner suggested further amendments to define the structure which would also define the array over substrates having diluted samples on a support. The amendments agreed upon include: molecules immobilized "at discrete sites" on the surface; "attachment between the solid surface and "each" of the molecules for immobilizing..."; and said attachment does not exhibit fluorescence". The amendments will be entered as an examiner's amendment..


BJ FORMAN, PH.D.
PRIMARY EXAMINER